

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Alan L. GREENER et al.)
Serial No.: 08/846,996) Group Art Unit: 1636
Filed: May 1, 1997) Examiner: Railey, J.
For: HIGHLY TRANSFORMABLE)
BACTERIAL CELLS AND)
METHODS FOR PRODUCING)
THE SAME)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants respond to the Office Action that was mailed February 3, 1998.

A Petition to Revive is filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments

IN THE CLAIMS-

Please cancel claims 1, 8, 12, and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

2. (Amended) A strain according to claim 14 that has been derived from a strain having all of the identifying characteristics of ATCC 55962.

3. (Amended) A method of preparing gram negative bacteria of improved competence, said method comprising:

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